

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1082

Introduced by Assembly Member Nation

February 23, 2001

An act to amend Section 20441 of, to add Section 20424.5 to, and to repeal Section 20441.5 of, the Government Code, relating to public employee's retirement, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1082, as introduced, Nation. Public employees' retirement: local safety members.

Under the Public Employees' Retirement Law, employees of contracting agencies classified as local safety members are entitled to generally higher benefits, and subject to higher contribution rates, than those employees classified as local miscellaneous members. County peace officers, as defined, are included within the local safety member classification. Existing law authorizes Monterey and Santa Clara Counties to designate specified park rangers as county peace officers for these purposes. Member contributions are deposited in the Public Employees' Retirement Fund, a continuously appropriated fund.

This bill would authorize contracting agencies to include specified employees, whose primary functions fall within the scope of hazardous materials services, within the local safety member classification and would expand to all contracting agencies the authorization to designate specified employees in the Park Ranger class series as county peace officers for these purposes. The bill would make an appropriation by increasing the amount of employee contributions to the Public Employees' Retirement Fund.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 20424.5 is added to the Government
2 Code, to read:

3 20424.5. “Local safety member” means any officer or
4 employee of a contracting agency whose functions clearly fall
5 within the scope of hazardous materials services, except one
6 whose principal duties are those of a telephone operator, clerk,
7 stenographer, machinist, or mechanic, even though that employee
8 is subject to occasional call, or is occasionally called upon, to
9 perform duties within the scope of hazardous materials services,
10 but not excepting persons employed and qualifying as hazardous
11 materials services personnel, irrespective of the duties to which
12 they are assigned.

13 This section shall not apply to any contracting agency nor to the
14 employees of the contracting agency until the agency elects to be
15 subject to this section by amendment to its contract with the board
16 made pursuant to Section 20474 or by express provision in its
17 contract with the board.

18 SEC. 2. Section 20441 of the Government Code is amended
19 to read:

20 20441. “County peace officer” shall also include persons
21 employed by ~~the~~ a county parks *and recreation* department whose
22 primary responsibility is maintaining the peace and whose duties
23 include law enforcement, emergency medical care first response,
24 or fire suppression and prevention in the following classifications:
25 ~~Park Ranger I, Park Ranger II, Park Ranger III, Senior Park~~
26 ~~Ranger, and Supervising Park Ranger class series.~~

27 This section shall not apply to the employees of any contracting
28 agency nor to any agency unless and until the contracting agency
29 elects to be subject to the provisions of this section by amendment
30 to its contract with the board, made as provided in Section 20474
31 or by express provision in its contract with the board.

32 ~~This section shall only be applicable in Monterey County.~~

33 SEC. 3. Section 20441.5 of the Government Code is repealed.

34 ~~20441.5. “County peace officer” shall also include persons~~
35 ~~employed by the county parks and recreation department in the~~

1 ~~Park Ranger class series whose primary responsibility is~~
2 ~~maintaining the peace and whose duties include law enforcement,~~
3 ~~emergency medical care first response, or fire suppression and~~
4 ~~prevention.~~

5 ~~This section shall not apply to the employees of any contracting~~
6 ~~agency nor to any agency unless and until the contracting agency~~
7 ~~elects to be subject to the provisions of this section by amendment~~
8 ~~to its contract with the board, made as provided in Section 20474~~
9 ~~or by express provision in its contract with the board.~~

10 ~~This section shall only be applicable in Santa Clara County.~~

